

Conference Call 5/2/01

NPIRS Access

Connectivity: Karen and Mike have established connectivity from a PC to Server 2 and 3 databases – and are holding a meeting Friday, 5/4, to talk about final tasks for completing connectivity for others. Debra has offered her system for experimental setup since there seems to be an issue with crossing domains.

Replicated Database: *testdb* was created from a backup of the production database. Joe and Juan are looking into data replication for when we choose to pursue it. They see it as an immediate need to support the small group of people on our team, workload verification, and web reports and the load/frequency that they may require. We need to determine our needs (e.g., read-level access) and make this decision sooner rather than later.

Access Policy: Debra has a draft now with guidelines and specific instructions for use of the data. Although it needs some details, she hopes to distribute it for review next week. We would expect to obtain input to this policy from Epi and others before we implement it.

Data Warehouse/Marts

IBM: Steve Cary, IBM Senior Consultant, began this week collecting information and getting oriented to the organization. Following up on all Steve's data collection efforts this week, Rus, Stan, and Steve will discuss the project focus next week and work out a strategy.

SAS: Joan will get with Art to begin arrangements for SAS technical assistance under the Enterprise-wide agreement. The focus of this engagement will be first on the design and implementation of a verification interface that verifies export content with exporting sites, then on establishing the interface to data marts.

Documentation

Documentation of the User Population and Workload Reporting processing logic is critical.

We are obtaining documentation of the PCC export logic from Lori (in process) and we are documenting the export processing, workload reporting criteria, and workload report generation here at NPIRS. From that documentation we will determine the logic to be included in the PCC Management Report module used by sites to produce local workload reports (e.g., 1A). Target timeframe for first version release of the new logic in the PCC Management Report module (by Lori B) is by end of the calendar year. To meet this target date, we need to clarify the logic for Lori by the end of June to allow her enough time to produce it, test it, and release it to the field. The approach to

synchronizing the logic applied to the NPIRS export and reporting processing with the local PCC Management Report module logic will be an iterative and dynamic process.

Inventory

Melvin is doing inventory of everything that's not on the main server.

Gaps in data -- 1997-98 (mainly CHS): The estimated size of these gaps is small, but they occur primarily in certain smaller sites who will be more greatly affected by them. We'll ask get Debra, Edna, Linda, and Patricia to look at the data and recommend targeted re-exporting or, more likely, estimating from other years what might be expected in the missing years using linear correction.

Communication

Patricia will ask Keith to send out another email to folks to communicate the website.

Other Topics/Issues

Issues with Data: 1) For records that have HRNs of all 9s we checked SSNs and are finding duplicates. Stephanie will explain this issue in greater detail via email later this week.

2) Community of residence is still an issue for the Alaska site whose counts doubled. Rus, suggesting that Alaska has enough staff to correct the registration data and re-export the data, will look into this with Stephanie.

Data Issues Log: NPIRS staff met to discuss the identified data issues to determine resources and level of effort to implement resolutions. They found that some identified fixes may require reloading the database. We don't want to include those data issue fixes in the first workload/report logic version/patch with Lori.

Unduplication: Karen will isolate some time to work on this even if it means canceling other commitments. It is our understanding that Dan Cameron has done some analysis on duplicates, so Patricia will ask that he provide us his results and ask again that he participate in our efforts on this issue.